

HYPHEN IS CHIEF POLITICAL PUNCTUATION MARK

New York, Oct. 25.—While political candidates today prepared for the beginning of the end, hyphenism still played foremost role in the campaign drama.

Candidate Hughes' declaration last night in Queens that he did not want votes of anyone "whose allegiance to our flag is not single and complete" was generally interpreted as an answer to Democratic charges, that he had dealt secretly with hyphen leaders.

Hughes is booked for a Brooklyn speech tonight and may let forth another anti-hyphen blast. Tomorrow he starts a New England, New York, Ohio and Indiana swing.

Pres. Wilson is journeying westward for a Cincinnati address.

In the hyphen controversy the Republican camp charges that ex-Gov. Martin Glynn besought Jeremiah O'Leary, American Independence Conference leader, not to be anti-Democratic until after Glynn had seen Wilson. Republicans said Glynn sought to arrange meeting between O'Leary and Chairman McCormick of Democratic committee. Glynn denies mentioning Wilson to O'Leary.

The Democrats issued a new instalment of its expose of alleged dealings between Hughes and the conference, claiming that the conference sought to dominate not only this election, but also to have a permanent influence in American politics directed against Anglo-Saxon domination.

JAKEY LOEB "IN DUTCH"

Jakey Loeb's movie melodrama stunt of forcing a "confession" from John Henry Hell, Morgan park school teacher, to the effect that he wrote "poison pen" letters to Mrs. Marie Moore, has got the Trib's pet school official "in dutch" with the U. S. postal authorities.

Postoffice Inspector Gen. Stuart

says the publicity given the case by Jakey and Sleuth Jones was wrong, if not "criminal." Declares he's not sure Hell wrote the letters. Morgan Park alumni firm in their belief in Hell's innocence. Strong in denouncing Jakey Loeb, Sleuth Jones and Chicago Tribune.

CATHOLIC CLERGY MEET TO CONSIDER HUGHES

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 25. — German-American Catholic priests were to meet in Milwaukee today to discuss advisability of coming out in support of candidacy of Hughes, as was done here yesterday by 300 German Protestant ministers.

The ministers attended yesterday's meeting as individuals, and although no organization was formed, it was decided, according to Rev. Henry Niefer, Milwaukee, president of the Wisconsin district, German Evangelical Synod of North America, to use their influence with their parishioners and friends to develop Hughes sentiment in the communities where they are stationed.

The meetings were called by Will R. MacDonald, secretary of American Independence Conference.

VILLA BESIEGES CHIHUAHUA—PEOPLE PANIC STRICKEN

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 25.—City of Chihuahua, capital of Northern Mexico, is virtually in state of siege today. On southern and western sides of city, about five miles from outskirts, heavy forces of Villistas are entrenched. Residents are almost panic-stricken, fearing another attack.

Mexico City, Oct. 25.—Compulsory military education is provided for in decree issued by Gen. Carranza today.

El Paso, Oct. 25.—The main body of Villistas voluntarily retiring today in the direction of San Isidro, west of Chihuahua City, pursued by Mexican defacto troops.